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Art Unit: 3725 )  
Examiner: M. Rosenbaum )  
Applicant(s): Mark Edward Marriott et al. ) **AMENDMENT**  
Serial No.: 09/954,900 )  
Filing Date: September 18, 2001 )  
For: SPRING ASSIST ASSEMBLY FOR INFEED )  
PAN OF WOOD CHIPPER )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute amended claims 1 through 24 as follows for the pending claims with the same number:

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1. (AMENDED) A wood chipper comprising:  
a movable infeed pan;  
at least one assist mount connected to said wood chipper; and  
at least one assist member connected to said assist mount and to operatively engage said infeed pan to assist an operator in moving a bulk weight of said infeed pan when said

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